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In re Patent Application of )

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For: USE OF COPOLYMERS DERIVED  
FROM POLYAMIDES AS GELLING  
AGENTS FOR COMPOUNDS WITH  
LOW POLARITY )PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTBOX PCTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
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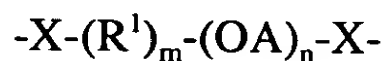
Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1-23 as follows:

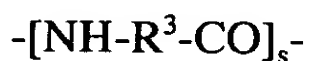
1. (Amended) A gelling agent comprising a relatively nonpolar compound or a nonionic surfactant, comprising at least one block copolymer comprising the following units:



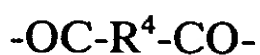
(I), and



(IIa), and/or



(IIb), and



(III)

in which units:

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